VI. *A* Rupture *of the* Navel, *communicated to the* ROYAL SOCIETY *by* H. W. Taube, (Dove) *Surgeon of the* Pearl *Man of War.*

Read May 24. 1744. *ANN Stubbensfull* had a very hard Labour 17 Years before her Death, and a little Rupture appeared in her Navel, and in the next Labour it increaſed; which ſhe endeavoured to cure by a Bandage, but in vain; ſo it continued to increaſe more and more.

The firſt time I was called to her, was upon account of a Wound at *Lett. d.* where it looked as if it would mortify; which I cured, but left a Place open as big as Half a Crown, from which a great Quantity of Water would ſometimes run out; but getting Cold, it ſtopped; and the whole *Saccus* was very much inflamed (This Wound was formerly made by uneaſy Truſſes). I called on the late Mr. *Amiand*; who told me, he had ſeen in a Work-houſe a Rupture of the ſame Kind, but not ſo big.

She had once an *Obſtructio alvi* for fifteen Days; and nothing would do, till I order'd her a Glyſter of Tobacco boil'd with Urine. The late Dr. *James Douglaſs* ſaw her; and he and I agreed to open her after her Death; to which ſhe conſented. At laſt, ſhe died maniacal. Dr. *Douglaſs* and I would have open'd her; but the Obſtinacy of her Children was ſo great, that they would not agree to it till the fourth Day after her Death, which happened in *July*, when the Putrefaction was ſo great, that Dr. *Douglaſs*, nor I, nor any body elſe, could remain by her; and ſo were obliged, to our great Sorrows, to deſiſt.

References

References to the Figures, ſee TAB. II. *Fig.* 4 *and* 5.

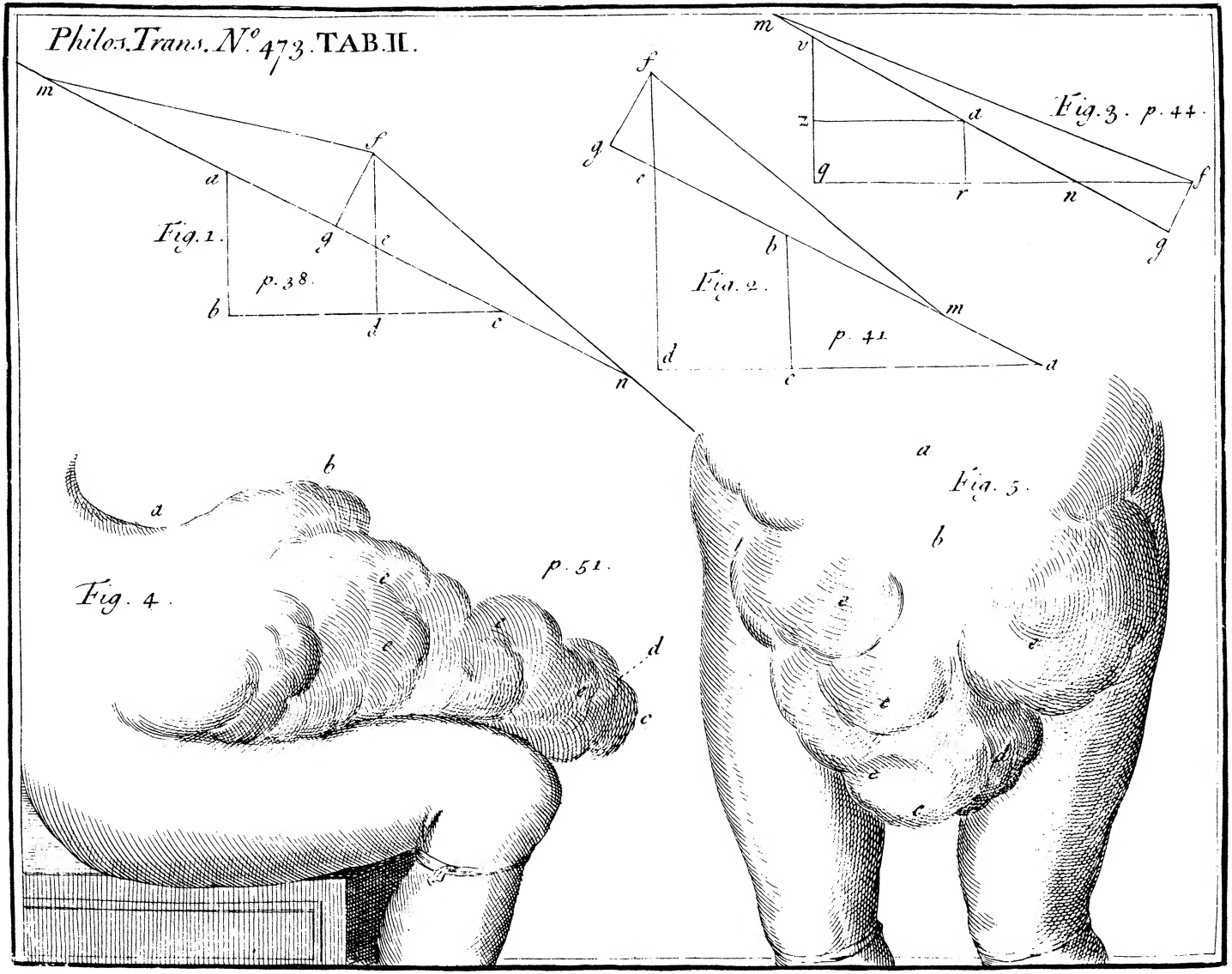
a. The Circumference neareſt to the Belly 36 Inches and an half.
b. The thickeſt Part, 38 Inches.
c. From *a* to *c*, the Length, 34 Inches.
d. The Wound.
e. Several great Protuberances.

VII. *A Letter from Mr.* Wm. Watſon, *F. R. S. to the* ROYAL SOCIETY; *containing further* Remarks *concerning* Muſhrooms: *Occaſioned by the Reverend Mr.* Pickering's *F. R. S. Paper in the preceding* Tranſact. *p.* 96. *with* Obſervations *upon the* poiſonous Faculty *of ſome Sorts of* Fungi.

Gentlemen,

Read May 31. 1744. I HOPE I ſhall have the Reverend Mr. *Pickering*'s Excuſe, if I lay before you a few further Obſervations upon his Papers concerning *Muſhrooms.*

With regard to the Seeds of *Muſhrooms,* although they were never ſhewn to the ROYAL SOCIETY before, the Fact was known to many Members thereof: for the induſtrious *Micheli* did not only raiſe Muſhrooms from their Seeds, but has, in his Tables, ſhewn the daily Progreſs from their firſt Point of Vegetation, even to their perfect State.

The *Fungus poroſus craſſus magnus* is not the Muſhroom uſually raiſed in *England* for the Table,

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